

# 2013 Mock Newbery Discussion #1

It's time to start taking a close look at the children's novels of 2012. Please read one or (better yet) more books for the first meeting. Participating in the Mock Newbery is an opportunity to read the newest children's books and to discuss them with other passionate readers. Please join us!

## Mock Newbery Discussion #1

**Wednesday, October 3, 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Hampden Meadows School, 297 New Meadow Road, Barrington, RI 02806**

(Directions below)

Please register for this program: <http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/ce/regis.php>

The Newbery Medal is awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in the United States during the preceding year. The Award is restricted to authors who are citizens or residents of the United States.

Criteria: 1) In identifying "Distinguished Writing" in a book for children,

a. Committee members need to consider the following:

- Interpretation of the theme or concept
- Presentation of information including accuracy, clarity, and organization
- Development of a plot
- Delineation of characters
- Delineation of setting
- Appropriateness of style

*Note:* Because the literary qualities to be considered will vary depending on content, the committee need not expect to find excellence in each of the named elements. The book should, however, have distinguished qualities in all of the elements pertinent to it.

b. Committee members must consider excellence of presentation for a child audience.

**Voting for a Rhode Island winner and honor books will take place on January 16, 2013 using the balloting procedures of the real committee.**

## 2013 Mock Newbery Reading List #1

1. Cheng, Andrea. *The Year of the Book*. (Houghton Mifflin, 2012)
2. Hartman, Rachel. *Seraphina*. (Random House, 2012)
3. Hiaasen, Carl. *Chomp*. (Alfred A. Knopf, 2012)
4. Levine, Kristin. *The Lions of Little Rock*. (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2012)
5. Losure, Mary. *The Fairy Ring: Or Elsie and Frances Fool the World*. (Candlewick, 2012)
6. Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. *No Crystal Stair*. (Carolrhoda, 2012)
7. Pennypacker, Sarah. *Summer of the Gypsy Moths*. (Balzer + Bray, 2012)
8. Rose, Caroline Starr. *May B*. (Schwartz + Wade, 2012)
9. Turnage, Sheila. *Three Times Lucky*. (Dial, 2012)
10. Stead, Rebecca. *Liar & Spy*. (Wendy Lamb Books, 2012)
11. Wright, Barbara. *Crow*. (Random House, 2012)

**On the Final List for January 16, 2013** (from the New Children's Literature Discussion Group, spring 2012):

1. Applegate, Katherine. *The One and Only Ivan*. (Harper, 2012)
2. Palacio, R.J. *Wonder*. (Alfred A. Knopf, 2012)

This is a starting list. Please feel free to send suggested titles to: [cheryl.space@olis.ri.gov](mailto:cheryl.space@olis.ri.gov)

**Continuing sessions:**

Mock Newbery Discussion #2  
Wednesday, November 7, 2012  
Providence Athenaeum  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Mock Newbery Discussion #3  
Wednesday, December 5, 2012  
St. Andrews School, Barrington  
7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM.

Mock Newbery Discussion #4 (voting meeting)  
Wednesday, January 16, 2013  
Oak Lawn Branch Library, Cranston  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Directions to Hampden Meadows School, 297 New Meadow Road, Barrington, RI 02806:**

From 95 heading North or South, Get on 195 East.

Take Exit 7 (114 South towards Barrington.)

Continue on 114 South (changes name and then merges with 103 South.)

Turn Left at Massasoit Avenue.

Turn Left at New Meadow Road. The school will be on your right.